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SALEM BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

1886.

OFFICERS:

REV. W. A. WHIPPLE, MODERATOR.....Troy, Ala.
W. B. DARBY, CLERK.....Henderson, Ala.

The Forty-ninth Session will be held with Ebenezer Church, twelve miles northeast of Troy, commencing on Saturday before the first Sabbath in October, 1887.

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MINUTES.

The forty-eighth session of the Salem Baptist Association convened with the church at Spring Hill, Pike County, Alabama, on Saturday, October 2nd, 1886.

The introductory sermon was preached by Elder W. A. Whipple, from the I chapter, viii verse, Acts.

At 2 p. m. the messengers assembled, and after reading the 10th chapter of St. John, singing the hymn, "I Love Thy Kingdom Lord," and prayer by Brother Mullin, the Moderator announced the Association ready for business.

The letters from the churches were read by Brethren T. J. Carlisle and Josiah Jernigan and the following delegates enrolled:

LIST OF MESSENGERS PRETENT.

1. Antioch—S. H. Adams, Thomas Walters.
2. Bethel—J. W. Smith, G. J. Cotton, J. J. Defee, T. J. Welch.
3. Bethlehem—D. C. Allen, J. E. Ray.
4. Capel Hill—John. Ivey, T. J. Logan, F. Lord.
5. Ebenezer—A. Black, J. W. Vaughn, T. W. Arington.
6. Enon—W. R. Hardin, C. W. Hardin.
7. Good Hope—T. J. Youngblood.
8. Harmony—W. J. Brown, James Linsey.
9. Hepzibah—J. F. Walters, G. N. Stanley.
10. Lebanon—J. W. Kelly, H. R. Youngblood.
11. Mt. Moriah—J. O. Hurly, J. T. Hurly.
12. New Harmony—R. F. Hawkins, D. H. Patterson.
13. Providence—G. W. L. Parkman, W. P. Floyd.
14. Spring Hill—J. J. Macon, W. T. Lawson, J. C. Moore, T. W. Law.
15. St. John—E. M. Brooks, Benjamin Goff, N. Holmes.
16. Troy, 2d—T. K. Mullin, W. A. Whipple, Josiah Jernigan.
17. Union—W. C. Sanders, J. W. Head, W. C. Darby.

A letter from Enon Church was presented for re-admittance, and on motion, was received back.

The election of officers resulted in the re-election of Elder W. A. Whipple, Moderator; W. B. Darby, Clerk, and

Josiah Jernigan, Treasurer; Brothers B. H. Ryder, of the Tuskeegee Association, and T. J. Carlisle, acting as tellers.

Brother J. W. Head, with the Pastor and Messengers of Spring Hill Church, were appointed as the Committee on Preaching.

A petitionary letter from Antioch, a newly constituted church, was presented for membership with us, and on motion, was duly received.

The hours for meeting and adjourning were fixed so as to meet at 8:30 a. m. and adjourn at 12 m. and re-assemble at 1;30 p. m. and adjourn at will.

The call for correspondence was responded to as follows:

From Alabama Association—Elders W. C. T. Mosely and W. C. Avant.

From Centennial Association—J. P. Nall and F. J. Carlisle.

From Tuskeegee Association—B. H. Ryder.

Brothers S. H. Adams and Thomas Walters were granted leave of absence.

On the call for agents, Elders W. C. T. Mosely and T. J. Carlisle responded in behalf of Alabama Baptist, and Elders B. H. Ryder and T. K. Mullin for the Tennessee Baptist.

The committees were announced as follows:

On Finance—W. C. Sanders, T. J. Logan and R. F. Hawkins.

On Sabbath Schools—G. N. Stanley and D. C. Allen.

On Bible Cause—D. C. Allen and J. W. Vaughn.

On Periodicals—T. K. Mullin, J. W. Kelly and H. R. Youngblood.

On Missions—E. M. Brooks and T. J. Welch

On Temperance—J. W. Head, W. R. Hardin, T. W. Law.

On Nominations—J. C. Moore, J. Linsey and J. F. Hurly.

On Education—T. W. Law, J. W. Smith and G. W. L. Parkman.

On Documents—J. E. Ray, T. J. Youngblood and S. H. Adams.

On Deceased Ministers—D. C. Allen, J. J. Macon and W. C. Sanders.

On motion, the body adjourned.

MONDAY'S SESSION.

After prayer by Brother John Ivey the Moderator announced the Association ready for business.

The roll was called and absentees marked.

The Constitution, Decorum and Abstract of Faith were read and approved.

Brethren N. W. Sen, T. B. Sen and Z. King reported as correspondents from the Newton Association and were received.

Treasurer's report for last year was submitted, read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Correspondence returned:

To Centennial—D. C. Allen, J. O. Hurly, J. D. Jones and C. N. Mallett.

To Newton—D. C. Allen.

To Pea River—E. M. Brooks, W. A. Whipple, D. C. Allen and J. J. Macon.

To Alabama—J. J. Macon and W. A. Whipple.

To Zion—R. F. Hawkins, John Ivey and J. C. Moore.

Report of Committees:

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

We, your Committee, beg leave to report: We believe the Bible to be the great source of the light of the world and that it should be first of all our reading. We deem the *Alabama Baptist*, *Tennessee Baptist*, *Ford's Christian Repository* and *Kind Words for the Sunday Schools* all eminently worthy of our support and patronage, and would recommend every Baptist in the Association to subscribe for and read some of our religious journals.

Respectfully submitted,

T. K. MULLIN, Ch'n.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

We find that the cause of temperance is advancing within our bounds. We can no more tolerate the moderate use of intoxicants than the moderate indulgence of any other growing sin. One drink of whiskey, when taken as a beverage, is intemperance. We call upon our churches to show

their faithfulness by exercising a godly discipline to put down the making, selling and use of ardent spirits as a beverage. We can but express our profound gratitude to God for the advance that has been made in the temperance cause within our State and country during the year.

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. Head, Ch'n.

REPORT ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

We have but little encouraging information from which to make our report. Of our seventeen churches only seven report Sunday Schools, and these seven have been greatly blessed, and had many accessions to their membership during the year. We earnestly urge the churches to wake up to their duty and at once take steps to organize Sunday Schools, the medium through which the great truths of the Bible may be impressed upon the minds of the young. We are taught to bring up a child in the way it should go, etc. We hope the pastors of the churches will strive earnestly to arouse their membership to a sense of duty in this grand work so that next year every church can report a flourishing Sunday School.

Respectfully submitted,

G. M. Stanley, Ch'n.

Brothers W. R. and C. W. Hardin were granted leave of absence.

Adjourned for dinner.

1:30 P. M.

Prayer by Elder W. C. Avant.

Reports of Committees resumed:

REPORT ON MISSIONS.

The cause of misssions is the cause of our blessed Christ, and this truth should tend to enthuse us with more zeal and energy in the cause of our Master. Let us all be fully alive to this important work and strive to do more than ever before, knowing that "God Loves a Cheerful Giver." We fear the churches are indifferent and careless as to the demands upon them. Brethren, be faithful and energetic in the cause of our great Redeemer.

Respectfully submitted,

E. M. Brooks, Ch'n.

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

We are glad to be able to report that the interest in education is growing in our midst, and that the opportunities for refined culture is good. We all should aid by our efforts and support the advanced educational interest being inaugurated throughout the land. With feelings of pride we direct attention to our denominational colleges—the Howard for young men, and the Judson and Central for young ladies. Let us encourage them.

Respectfully submitted,

T. W. Law, Ch'n.

REPORT ON NOMINATIONS.

We report: To preach the next introductory sermon, Elder J. J. Macon; alternate, D. C. Allen.

Messengers to State Convention—W. A. Whipple, W. C. Sanders, W. B. Darby, W. W. Thrasher, C. N. Mallett, A. Black, sr. and James Linsey.

Executive Committee—W. C. Sanders, J. D. Jones, J. J. Macon, W. A. Whipple and W. W. Thrasher.

Sunday School Superintendents—First district, J. O. Hurly; second district, Josiah Jernigan; third district, J. D. McLendon; fourth district, John Ivey; and for the Association at large, W. A. Whipple.

Respectfully submitted,

J. C. Moore, Ch'n.

REPORT ON DOCUMENTS.

We, Your Committee, report that we find: First, an invitation from Ebenezer Church for your next session.

DISTRICT MEETINGS.

First District—At Mt. Moriah Church, Friday before fourth Sunday in July next.

Second District—At Hepzibah Church, Friday before first Sunday in August next.

Third District—At Bethlehem Church, Friday before fourth Sunday in July next.

Fourth District—At New Harmony Church, Friday before first Sunday in July next.

Respectfully submitted,

J. E. Ray, Ch'n.

REPORT ON BIBLE CAUSE.

We report some destitution, but are unable to say definitely how much, or to what extent it exists. We recommend that every one of this Association be requested to search for those having no Bible, and that money be raised to supply the need. The Word of Life should be placed in the hands of every one, and Baptists are the people to do it; for like Paul, we are not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ, for therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith.

Respectfully submitted,

D. C. Allen, Ch'n.

REPORT ON DECEASED MINISTERS.

We are happy to be able to report that God, in mercy, has spared the lives of all our ministers another year; but we feel deeply impressed to notice the death of that old "veteran of the cross," Elder Wm. Pritchet, late of the Centennial Association. Brother Pritchet had spent the vigor of his manhood with us, and everywhere the fruit of his labors abound. He was faithful, indeed, in the cause of Christ, and "our loss is his eternal gain." May God reise up more men to spend and be spent in declaring the full council of God.

Respectfully submitted,

D. C. Allen, Ch'n.

MISCELLANEOUS.

A petition for aid from the church at Rutledge, through Elder W. C. Avant, was responded to by a contribution of $13.35.

A complaint from an excluded member was offered, but ruled out of order.

Brother J. E. Ray was granted leave of absence.

The following resolution of thanks was adopted:

Resolved, That the hearty thanks of this body are tendered to the

brethren, sisters and friends of Spring Hill for the kind and generous hospitality extended to us during our stay in their midst.

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

We have examined the Treasurers report for last year and find the discrepancy between it and the minutes to have arisen from unpaid pledges. For this year we report as follows :

For Minutes	$ 37 30
For Mexican Missions	13 75
For Cuban Missions	22 30
For Foreign Missions	17 00
For Home Missions	21 45
For State Board	36 50
For Brother Brooks (indigent) pd. and rec't'd	14 05
For Rutledge Church (pd. to W. C. Avant)	13 35
Total amount paid Treasurer	$175 70

Respectfully submitted,

W. C. SANDERS, Moderator.

On motion, the Clerk will receive fifteen dollars ($15) for his services and use the balance of the Minute Funds for Minutes and other expenses.

The collection in behalf of old Brother Brooks amounted to $10.05.

The following resolution was adopted.

Resolved, That Miss A. J. Denis, daughter of Brother M. M. Denis, be recognized and received as the representative of the Ladies Central Committee ; and that the churches composing this Association be requested to receive her on this work of the ladies for the cause of Missions.

Resolved, Further, that the pastors of the several churches be urged to organize Missionary Societies in their charges ; also supply those societies with literature—the *Foreign Mission Journal* and the *Heathen Helper*—organs of the Southern Baptist Convention.

B. H. RYDER.

On motion, the Association adjourned to meet with the church at Ebenezer, twelve miles northeast of Troy, on Saturday before the first Sunday in October, 1887.

W. A. WHIPPLE, Moderator.

W. B. DARBY, Clerk.

LIST OF MINISTERS AND THEIR POST-OFFICE.

W. A. Whipple, Troy.
A. Black, Troy.
W. J. McBride, Troy.
Thomas Rowe, Troy.
J. J. Macon. Troy·
J. L. Youngblood, Troy.
E. Y. Van Hoose, Troy.
E. M. Brooks, Flemington.
D. C. Allen, Flemington,
B. H. Ryder, Troy.
G. G. McLendon, Henderson.
F. L. Loard, Goshen Hill.

LICENTIATES.

J. H. Stevens, Troy.
John Ivey, Indian Branch.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Delivery of Introductory Sermon.
2. Call for and read the letters from the churches.
3. Organize by election of officers.
4. Call for letters from churches desiring to unite with this body.
5. Appoint committees on Preaching and Finance.
6. Appoint the nours for meeting and adjourning.
7. Call for correspondents.
8. Call for agents of missions and other objects of benevolence, invite ministers of our order to seats with us, and renew the call each morning.
9. Appoint committees on Sabbath Schools, Documents, Bible Cause, Periodicals, Missions, Temperance, Nominations, and Education.
10. Read minutes, call and correct roll of messengers.
11. Report of Treasurer.
12. Appoint correspondents.
13. Call for reports of committees appointed under the 9th rule above in order of their appointment.
14. Call for miscellaneous business.
15. Call for report of Finance Committee.
16. Arrange for printing and distributing the minutes, and paying the Clerk.
17. Read and approve the minutes.
18. Adjourn.

Churches.	Pastors.	Clerks.	Post Offices.	Received by Baptism.
Antioch	D. C. Allen	M. B. Adams	Troy	15
Bethel	W. A. Whipple	W. G. Mulkey	Troy	13
Bethlehem	J. J. Macon	J. E. Ray	Flemington	3
Chapel Hill	D. C. Allen	G. W. Shirley	Indian Branch	15
Ebenezer	J. P. Nall	H. G. Black	Linwood	9
Enon	W. A. Whipple	C. W. Hardin	Linwood	14
Good Hope	W. C. Avant	J. C. Shirley	Troy	13
Harmony	J. P. Nall	C. R. Walden	Troy	...
Hepzibah	J. J. Macon	G. N. Stanley	Troy	1
Lebanon	J. L. Youngblood	W. T. Green	Troy	10
Mt. Moriah	J. P. Nall	C. N. Mallet	Curry	2
New Harmony	W. C. Avant	D. N. Patterson	Rutledge	14
Providence	D. C. Allen	G. W L. Parkman	Troy	1
Spring Hill	J. J. Macon	T. W. Law	Milo	25
St. John	J. Bradley	U. S. Fuller	Flemington	6
Troy, 2nd	B. H. Ryder	Josiah Jernigan	Troy	35
Union	J L. Youngblood	W. B. Howard	Henderson	2
Helicon	*	*	*	..
New Bethel	*	*	*	..
Mt. Pleasant	*	*	*	....
Sharon	*	*	*	...
Total				178
As directed by Fin. Com.				..

Sunday's collection, $20.25 ; Raised for E. M. Brooks, $10.55 ; Raised for Rutledge Chu
*Not Represented.

TABULAR STATEMENT OF CHURCHES.

Churches.	Pastors.	Clerks.	Post Offices.	Received by Baptism.	Received by Letter.	Restored.	Dismissed.	Excluded.	Deceased.	Total Membership	For Minutes.	State Board.	Home Missions.	Mexican Missions.	Cuban Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Indigent Ministers	Building Purposes.	Missions not Directed.
Antioch	D. C. Allen	M. B. Adams	Troy	15	8		1			34	1 00								
Bethel	W. A. Whipple	W. G. Mulkey	Troy	13	6	1	3	1		90	3 00		10 00			10 00			
Bethlehem	J. J. Macon	J. E. Ray	Flemington	3	2		13	1		32	1 75								11 65
Chapel Hill	D. C. Allen	G. W. Shirley	Indian Branch	15		1	4		1	77	2 50								1 00
Ebenezer	J. P. Nall	H. G. Black	Linwood	9	1	1	2	1	2	88	3 00		3 00						
Enon	W. A. Whipple	C. W. Hardin	Linwood	14	12		5	5		73	2 00								
Good Hope	W. C. Avant	J. C. Shirley	Troy	13	3	1			1	83	2 75								10 00
Harmony	J. P. Nall	C. R. Walden	Troy		1		7	3		24	1 00		1 00						
Hepzibah	J. J. Macon	G. N. Stanley	Troy	1	2		22	1		41	2 30		3 50			2 00			
Lebanon	J. L. Youngblood	W. T. Green	Troy	10	5		1			32	1 50								
Mt. Moriah	J. P. Nall	C. N. Mallet	Curry	2			1			25	2 00						2 50		
New Harmony	W. C. Avant	D. N. Patterson	Rutledge	14	1		1		1	46	2 50								3 00
Providence	D. C. Allen	G. W L. Parkman	Troy	1	1		15			52	1 35				2 00				
Spring Hill	J. J. Macon	T. W. Law	Milo	25	5		5	2	2	125	3 00					5 00			
St. John	J. Bradley	U. S. Fuller	Flemington	6	2	1	2	2	1	66	2 15								2 00
Troy, 2nd	B. H. Ryder	Josiah Jernigan	Troy	35	17	6	24	8		94	3 00								17 50
Union	J. L. Youngblood	W. B. Howard	Henderson	2	2		9			56	3 00			5 00	5 00		1 00		
Helicon	*	*	*																
New Bethel	*	*	*																
Mt. Pleasant	*	*	*																
Sharon	*	*	*																
Total				178	63	11	115	24	8	998	$37 80		$17 50	$5 00	$7 00	$17 00	$3 50		$15 15
As directed by Fin. Com.											$37 30	$36 50	$21 45	$13 75	$22 30	$17 00	$14 05	$13 35	

Sunday's collection, $20.25; Raised for E. M. Brooks, $10.55; Raised for Rutledge Church, $13.35. Total, $44.15.

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